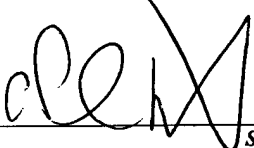
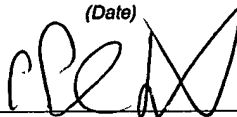
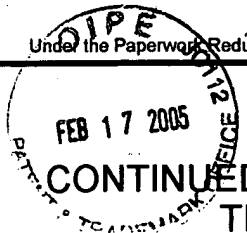


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Application Number	10/613,172
Filing Date	July 3, 2003
First Named Inventor	Geoffrey D.M. Wilke
Art Unit	3617
Examiner Name	Ajay Vasudeva
Attorney Docket Number	LKMP:112US

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i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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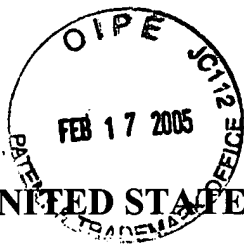
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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated November 30, 2004 regarding the above-identified patent application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include attached Replacement Sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.

This reply is attached, as a submission, to a Request for Continued Examination dated February 15, 2005.